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Representative Annette Glenn, Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

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SUBJECT: Report on the Community Pollution Prevention Fund

In accordance with Section 445.573f(5) of Initiated Law 1 of 1976, as amended (Bottle Bill), following is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) report on the Community Pollution Prevention Fund for fiscal year (FY) 2022. The report summarizes a pollution prevention grant provided, the contractual commitment made and achieved, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of this fund.

A total of \$250,000 was allocated for FY 2022. The objectives of the FY 2022 Community Pollution Prevention Grant were the following: (1) develop a statewide food production and distribution food waste reduction roadmap to inform state and local decision-makers of recommended policies and programs that encourage decarbonization through food waste reduction in the farming, food manufacturing, and grocery retail sectors in Michigan; and (2) develop a statewide toxics reduction roadmap to inform state and local decision-makers of recommended policies and programs that encourage reduction in the use of toxic materials. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on March 3, 2022. EGLE received one application requesting a total of \$100,000 in funding. The proposal was reviewed and scored on the eligibility criteria described in the RFP. The project was approved for funding, totaling \$100,000 in grant funding. The RFP required 25 percent in local match funding, creating a project total of \$133,450. The reimbursement will be submitted by September 30, 2023.

An evaluation of FY 2021 Community Pollution Prevention Grant funds was conducted. For FY 2021, nine projects were awarded totaling \$186,167.54 in grant funding. Six of the nine projects have closed successfully. The remaining three projects have been approved for a grant extension and will close in the spring of 2023. All completed projects have successfully met the FY 2021 grant objectives of preventing storm water sewer overflows.

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